

Senate Bill 16
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Senate Fish and Game Committee

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am Chris Smith, Deputy Director of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP). FWP is neither a proponent nor opponent of SB 16. For the committee's information, as we read SB 16, we do not believe it will have any significant effect on the administration of fishing license and warm water stamp sales or revenue.

At present, when an angler buys a fishing license, if they ask for a warm water stamp, they are charged the fee and issued the stamp. If they do not ask for a warm water stamp, in most cases the license agent does not ask if they want one. Under SB 16, FWP would be obligated to ask all anglers whether or not they want a warm water stamp. We believe anglers who fish in designated waters know they need a warm water stamp and buy one now; those who do not fish those waters do not ask for the stamp. Under SB 16, anglers who do not fish those waters, will opt not to buy the warm water stamp. Accordingly, we do not believe SB 16 will result in any more revenue.